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SUBJECT: SAIGON NORTH VIET-NAM COMMITTEE REPORT, FEBRUARY, 1974

1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS. PRINCIPAL COVERAGE  
FOCUSED ON NORTH VIETNAMESE ADMISSION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RESULTING  
FROM THE WAR IN SOUTH. THEME WAS THAT CONTINUED HANOI MILITARY  
INVOLVEMENT WOULD MAKE REHABILITATION DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE,  
THEREFORE SERIOUSNESS OF RECENT DRV ECONOMIC PLANS QUESTIONABLE.  
COMMENTARIES ALSO NOTED SOVIET DENUNCIATION OF PRC PARACEL POSITION  
AND CHIDED DRV FOR ACQUIESCENCE IN PRC BETRAYAL OF VIETNAMESE  
INTERESTS. PRC FAILURE TO ATTEND RECENT DRV TRADE UNION CONGRESS  
ALSO NOTED AS SIGN OF CONTINUING STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN  
HANOI AND PEKING AND RAISED QUESTION OF SINCERITY OF PEKING'S  
CLAIMS OF SUPPORT FOR DRV.

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2. CONTENT ANALYSIS OF THE VOF EDITORIAL MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS:

COMMUNIST CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND INTRANSIGENCE AT PARIS BILATERALS, 16 PERCENT; LIFE IN THE SOUTH, 14 PERCENT; PARACEL-SPRATLY DEVELOPMENTS, 11 PERCENT; LIFE IN THE NORTH (DRV INTERNAL POLICIES AND PROBLEMS), 10 PERCENT; PRISONER EXCHANGE, 8 PERCENT; DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS, 8 PERCENT; OTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, 6 PERCENT; SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, 6 PERCENT AND OTHER (ALL LESS THAN 5 PERCENT), 21 PERCENT.

3. GVN PROPAGANDA DEALT HEAVILY WITH THE PARACEL-SPRATLY DISPUTE, WITH LENGTHY FEATURE COVERAGE OF ANTI-PRC DEMONSTRATIONS AND RETURN OF RVNAF PERSONNEL RELEASED BY THE PRC. TRUNG SISTERS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS USED TO SUGGEST PARALLELS AND MAKE CALL OF RESISTANCE TO CHINESE AGGRESSION. RECENTLY INITIATED CAMPAIGN TO "ERADICATE CORRUPTION AND SOCIAL EVILS" ALSO RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION, AS DID CABINET RESHUFFLE AND REPLACEMENT OF SEVERAL PROVINCE CHIEFS. SLOGANS DURING THE PERIOD FOCUSED ON SOCIAL REFORMS AND INCREASED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY. COMPARATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION WAS PAID TO PRISONER EXCHANGE, ALTHOUGH SUCH COVERAGE, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH RELEASED PRISONERS, HAD BEGUN TOO INCREASE BY THE END OF PERIOD.

4. CONTENT ANALYSIS OF GVN PROPAGANDA (BOTH VTVN AND PRINTED OUTPUT) BY THEME YIELDED THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: PARACEL-SPRATLY DEVELOPMENTS (INCLUDING COVERAGE OF PRISONER RELEASE), 35 PERCENT; SOCIAL REFORM AND ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION, 23 PERCENT; GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION (INCLUDING PROVIFCE CHIEF REPLACEMENTS), 14 PERCENT; CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND COMMUNICAT INTRANSIGENCE AT JMC AND PARIS BILATERALS SESSIONS, 12 PERCENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, 9 PERCENT; PRISONER EXCHANGE, 3 PERCENT; OTHER (NONE MORE THAN 2 PERCENT), 4 PERCENT.

5. VOA PROGRAMMING. BROADCAST FEEDS FROM POST DURING THE PERIOD INCLUDED AS MAJOR REPORTAGE: VISIT OF ECAFE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SAIGON AND ECAFE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING RVN TRADE AND INDUSTRY; PROGRESS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM'S SEARCH FOR OFF-SHORE OIL; COVERAGE OF A SEMINAR ON INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS AND VIETNAMESE BUSINESSMEN; SERIOUS COMMUNIST MORALE AND  
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DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS IN BINH DINH'S AN LAO VALLEY; A VIET-NAM PEN CLUB PROTEST OVER THE USSR'S EXPULSION OF SOLZHENITSYN; PRESS CONFERENCE BY RVN TPJMC CHIEF PHAN HOA HIEP ON PRISONER EXCHANGES; RVN FOREIGN MINISTER PRESS CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN RVN AND SAUDI ARABIA; AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO SVN WAR VICTIMS BY GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN.

6. THE COVERT RADIO ACTIVITY IS REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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